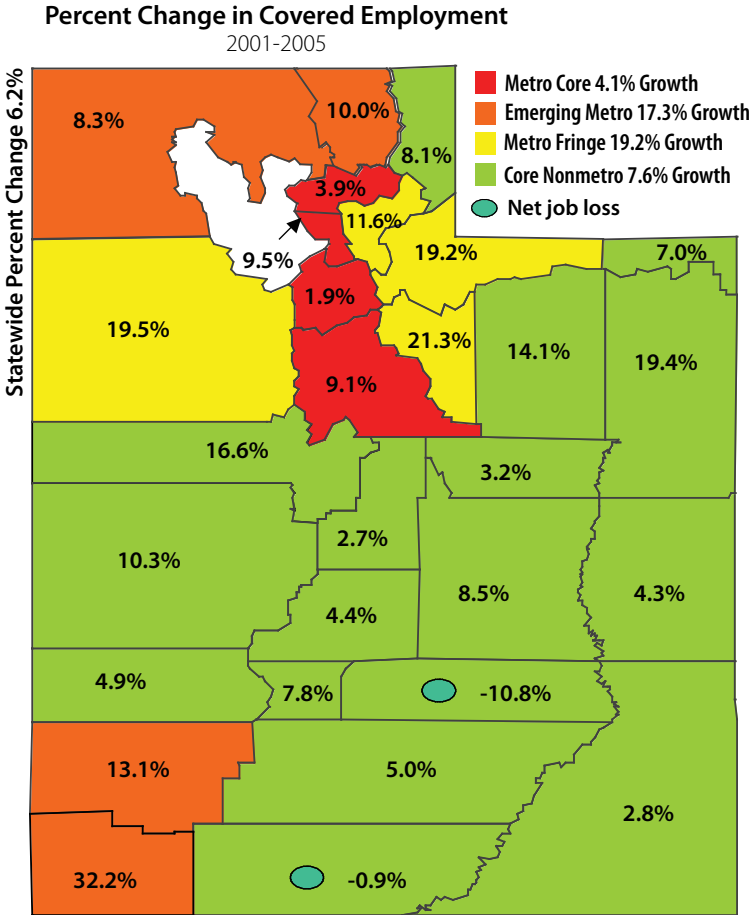


Job Growth In Utah

Thriving



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

We have all heard that Utah's economy is surging. That is good news for workers and businesses. One of the notable aspects of Utah's growth is that a significant portion of it has occurred outside of metropolitan Utah. The 2002-2003 recession impacted the metro area more than it did non-metro Utah. Since the recession's impact was fairly mild in non-metro areas, as the state's economy recovered, this area was well poised to benefit.

Jobs, Jobs, and More Jobs

From 2001 to 2005, the state's economy added nearly 67,000 new jobs. Non-metro Utah accounted for 46 percent of the total. During that time, Utah employment expanded by 6.2 percent, with the metro area growing 4.1 percent and the non-metro expanding by 14.6 percent. The metro fringe grew 19.2 percent followed by the emerging metro counties, which rose 17.3 percent. The core non-metro area experienced employment growth of 7.6 percent as well (see map).

And the Winners Are...

The top five industries statewide for job growth in the 2001 to 2005 period were: healthcare and social services (17,000), construction (10,000), education (8,000), public administration (6,300) and administrative support and waste management (6,200) jobs. In the non-metro area construction was the main supplier of job growth adding nearly 5,500 jobs. Employment also grew in healthcare and social services (5,100), transportation and warehousing (2,400), retail trade (2,400), and accommodations and food services (2,200). Statewide, manufacturing lost the most jobs, declining by 4,900 jobs. In the non-metro area, management of companies reported job losses, losing nearly 900 jobs.

Times, They Are A-Changing

Utah's non-metro counties can be grouped together by similar economic characteristics. The emerging metro counties dominate the non-metro data. These counties accounted for 63 percent of the job growth. Construction and healthcare were the main growth industries. In the metro fringe counties, growth was driven by transportation and warehousing followed by accommodations and food services. For the remaining core non-metro counties, mining accounted for most of

the jobs, as the increased demand for energy has revitalized the mining industry in oil, natural gas, coal, and uranium. Healthcare and social services also added positions.

Help Wanted ... Now!

The economic outlook remains healthy for non-metro Utah. Strong population growth in the emerging and fringe counties will sustain demand for construction, healthcare, and retail. The strength of the core non-metro counties will depend on what happens in energy-related industries. The implications for job seekers in non-metro Utah is to look at businesses in these growing industries; they will be the ones looking to hire workers to meet market demands.

For more information visit these links:

- <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoCounties.do>
- <http://jobs.utah.gov/firmfind/pgMain.asp?thesessionID=1042323928>
- <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/employer/>

- Beaver County and Milford City officials broke ground on a \$5.5-million overpass project at a railroad crossing. The two-lane overpass will be completed next summer. <http://www.thespectrum.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060616/NEWS01/606160307/1002>
- The Kane County Water Conservancy District received a loan of \$2.6 million and a grant of \$2.2 million from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development Office to develop a new well, a concrete storage tank, a booster station and chlorination system. <http://www.thespectrum.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060531/NEWS01/605310319/1002/NEWS01>
- A ground breaking ceremony was held for the new Salina Intermountain Clinic. The new clinic is slated to have six examination rooms and a pharmacy. It will also have an X-ray facility — saving people trips to Richfield and Gunnison. <http://www.richfieldreaper.com/articles/2006/06/21/news/01.txt>

Area	Gainers	Number Gained	Losers	Number Lost
Emerging Metro Counties (Box Elder, Cache, Iron and Washington)	Construction	4,300	Management of Company	-500
	Healthcare	3,711		
	Retail Trade	1,700		
	Manufacturing	1,300		
	Professional and Business Services	1,200		
Metro Fringe Counties (Morgan, Summit, Tooele and Wasatch)	Transportation/Warehousing	930	Management of Company	-70
	Accommodation/Food Services	920	Covered Agriculture	-60
	Administrative Support/Waste Services	610	Mining	-10
	Construction	580		
	Retail Trade	570		
Core Nonmetro Counties (Beaver, Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Uintah and Wayne)	Mining	1,240		
	Healthcare	960	Manufacturing	-290
	Transportation/Warehousing	730	Management of Company	-280
	Construction	560	Education	-110
	Public Administration*	370	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	-60

*Note: Public administration excludes public education. Education is both public and private services.

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